

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3, 7, 12 and 13 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11, and add new Claims 14-16 as follows. A marked-up version showing the changes made to Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11 is attached.

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1. (Amended) Printing paper comprising:

a center portion having a rectangular form, and outside portions connected to the center portion at both sides of the center portion,
wherein at least one of the center portion and the outside portions are formed so that four corners of the center portion have a round shape after removing the outside portions from the center portion.

2. (Amended) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the printing paper has perforations between the center portion and the outside portions.

3. (Cancelled) ✓

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4. (Amended) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the round shape is an arc form.

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5. (Amended) Label printing paper comprising an image receiving layer releasably laminated on a supporting layer, the label printing paper having a center portion having a rectangular form and outside portions, wherein the outside portions are connected to the center portion at both sides of the center portion, and at least one of the center portion and the outside portions are formed so that the four corners of the center portion have a round shape after removing the outside portions from the center portion.

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6. (Amended) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the printing paper has perforations between the center portion and the outer portions.

7. (Cancelled) ✓

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8. (Amended) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the round shape is an arc form.

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9. (Amended) A printing process comprising the steps of:
providing a printing paper according to Claim 1;
conveying the printing paper while holding the outside portions of the printing paper;

conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper; and
cutting off the outside portions of the printing paper from the center portion.

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10. (Amended) A printing process comprising the steps of:
providing a label printing paper according to Claim 5;
conveying the label printing paper while holding the outside portions of the label
printing paper;
conducting printing on the center portion of the label printing paper; and
separating the image-receiving layer at the center portion from the supporting
layer.

11. (Amended) A printing system comprising:
a printing paper according to Claim 1, a print head for conducting printing on the
center portion of the printing paper, and a pair of conveyer rollers for holding the outside
portions of the printing paper to convey the printing paper.

12. (Cancelled) ✓

13. (Cancelled) ↗

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Please add new Claims 14-16 as follows.

--14. (New) A printing system comprising:

a label printing paper according to Claim 5, a print head for conducting printing on the center portion of the printing paper, and a pair of conveyer rollers for holding the outside portions of the printing paper to convey the printing paper.--.

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--15. (New) The printing paper according to Claim 1, wherein the center portion has a size of 52.0 to 56.0 mm in short-side length and 83.5 to 87.5 mm in long-side length--.

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--16. (New) The label printing paper according to Claim 5, wherein the center portion has a size of 52.0 to 56.0 mm in short-side length and 83.5 to 87.5 mm in long-side length.--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-11 and 14-16 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1 and 5 being independent. Claims 3, 7, 12 and 13 are cancelled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11 are amended to more clearly recite the features of the present invention. Claims 14-16 are newly added.

Support for the new claims may be found in the specification at least at page 12, line 24 to page 13, line 6, (Claim 14) and at page 25, lines 23 to 27 (Claims 15 and 16). The specification is